



Aberdeen Mills

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

May 2010



SPOOM-MA Semi-Annual Meeting: August 28th, 2010

Elizabethtown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Program & Information

For those who plan to travel to the meeting area before Saturday August 28, there are places to stay and to see.

PART 1: SPOOM-MA Meeting

- 8:30 -9:00 Reception, Coffee, & Registration at Aberdeen Mills
- 9:00-10:30 SPOOM-MA Business Meeting at Aberdeen Mills

PART 2: Joint Meeting

- 10:30 Welcoming Remarks & Introduction of SPOOM-Bob Lundegard
- 10:40 Introduction and Remarks by Merritt & Katcha Neale
- 10:50 A Brief History of Aberdeen Mills by Merritt Neale
- 11:00 Heishman's Mill – Design, Construction, Funding and Adventures of a Fish Passageway – Theodore Hazen, Master Miller and Millstone Dresser
- 12:30 Lunch at Aberdeen Mills
- 1:00-2:30 Tour of Aberdeen Mills by the members of SPOOM
- 4:00 Adjourn

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SPOOM-MA Semi-Annual Meeting (cont'd)

There are 24 Mills within 15 miles of Aberdeen. Maps and locations of these mills will be located at www.aberdeenmills.com/localmills

Dauphin County		
Curry's Feed Mill – Hershey	Espenshade's Feed – Middletown PA	Fry's Mill – Middletown
Manada Hill Mill – Manada Gap	Shiffe Mill – Hershey	Lykens Mill (Working) – Lykens Valley
Lancaster County		
Bellaire Feed and Fork Mill - Elizabethtown	Blue Rock Mill – Columbia	Donegal Mill – Mt. Joy
Chickies Mill – Columbia	Florys Mill – Lancaster	Hershey Mill – Mount Ville
Rohrers Mill – Strausburg	Lime Valley Mill – Lancaster	Mascot Mill (Tours) - Lancaster
Milton Grove Mill – Lancaster	Annvile Mill – Lancaster	Scharers Mill – Marieta
Mount Vernon Mill – Middletown	Nissley Mill – Elizabethtown	Roddy Mill – Mt. Joy
Spangler Mill – Mt. Joy	Union Mills – Elizabethtown	Window Mill – Columbia



From the Desk of the President

-- Robert Lundegard

Our meeting in Mathews, VA was delightful and productive. The arrangements at Mathews High School were excellent and the food service by the Methodist Church was great. I have called Ms. Nelda Gibbs, our chef, and thanked her for her outstanding service; the cinnamon rolls, the fruit, and the Brunswick stew were superb.

Peter Preston, our host, made excellent arrangements. The concluding focus of the meeting with the Mathews Historical Society and the Poplar Grove mill owner, Bernadine Teague was on how SPOOM-MA can help in arranging for the needed repairs to the mill. I am sure that through Ivan Lufriu' leadership an approach acceptable to the owner and the Historical Society will be worked out. This will take time and will not be concluded when you read this newsletter.

The tour of the mill was a special experience. Ivan, Mason Maddox, and the millwright, Ben Hassett, carefully explored the mill and made a preliminary assessment of the most urgent work to be done. Ben has prepared a preliminary estimate of the costs of the most urgent tasks.

The Chapter business meeting was productive and enjoyable. I leave it to Judy Grove to prepare the minutes of the meetings accomplishments. Judy does an excellent professional job in recording the full story.

My highlights are the motions on nomination of officers, launching www.spoommidatlantic.org for a one year test and development, accepting the SPOOM grant of \$400.00 to print and distribute the "membership rack cards" and to accept Colvin Run Mill's invitation to be a part of the group to plan and conduct the 2011 SPOOM National Meeting.

There is a need to seek Chapter participation on all these matters. I will be in touch by e-mail and phone to seek your guidance and help. The details of our role in the SPOOM 2011 Meeting, or for the sale and distribution on the cards, or for the administration of the web site are best worked out informally and interactively. E-mail is the preferred mechanism

Our next meeting will be on Saturday August 28, 2010 at the Aberdeen Mills. Merritt Neale will be our host.

Mid-Atlantic SPOOM March 27, 2010 Chapter Meeting Highlights

-- Judy Grove, Secretary

The meeting was held in Matthews County Virginia and jointly hosted by Peter Preston of Poplar Grove Tide Mill and the Matthews County Historical Society. The treasurer, Jane Sewell, reported a balance of \$3,116.87. Items for *Old Mill News* are due to Vice President Robert McLaughlin Rlm101@verizon.net by May 1. Items for the next SPOOM-MA Newsletter are due by July 15 to slangle06@comcast.net.

Ivan Lufriu reported on current mill preservation projects including Pungo Creek Mill in Painter VA which mills Indian corn using a Meadows Mill; Millbrook Grist Mill, the last remaining mill in Charles County MD, where the the dam, mill pond and race were destroyed by hurricanes; Aberdeen Mill www.aberdeenmills.com in Lancaster County PA, which will be the site of our August 2010 meeting; and Poplar Grove Tide Mill, whose owner along with members of Matthews County Historical Society have requested guidance regarding restoration. Today's discussion and visit to the mill following lunch will begin this process.

Work continues on the Mid-Atlantic Milling History Celebration which will culminate in the September 2011 SPOOM meeting at Colvin Run. *Flour Power – the Golden Age of Flour Milling in the Mid-Atlantic States* is the working title. Projects include: Watershed Map Project to gather research on the grist mills and transportation routes in the main Mid-Atlantic (Bob Lundegard), collection of DVD's of Mid-Atlantic Mills (Marlene Lufriu and Marjorie Lundegard); and sponsorship of the keynote speaker for SPOOM Convention banquet. Support letters have been prepared. Names of potential sponsors may be forwarded to Nick Yannarell at ntyann@verizon.net. Mason Maddox reported that plans for the September 22-25, 2011 SPOOM Meeting include visits to Mount Vernon, Peirce Mill and a canal boat ride on the Locks of Great Falls.

Approval was given to use a new website at <http://spoommidatlantic.org/> which offers document archival and membership management and communication features. Member mills become sponsors by paying a minimum of \$25 toward the total \$425 cost. The chapter also received a grant to test rack cards as part of SPOOM Membership Growth Initiative. Interested mills pay half of the printing cost for 500 membership recruitment cards which would feature a photo of the sponsor. Smaller mills can order fewer cards without their picture.

The full minutes are available at <http://spoommidatlantic.org/>

SPOOM-MA Board Approves Membership “Rack-Card” for Sale

-- Robert Lundegard, President

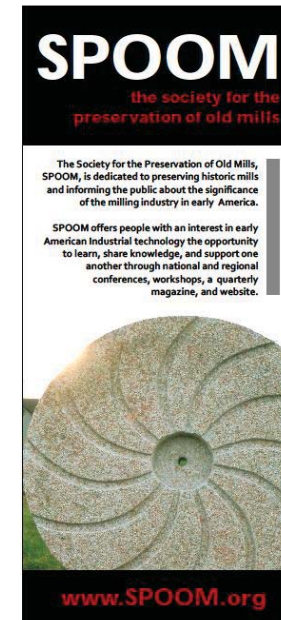
At our Chapter Meeting in Mathews, VA, our Board approved accepting the SPOOM allocation of \$400.00 for the Mid-Atlantic experiment in attracting outsiders who visit our public mills to join SPOOM . The experiment involves public mills in distributing a new “rack card” to interested visitors who visit their mill. A photo of the new “rack card,” appears to the right

SPOOM-MA will sell packets of 25, 50, or 100 rack cards to any mill that wants to purchase the current generic card for their own use. A packet of 50 cards would cost \$35.00.

SPOOM-MA will sell packets of 500 cards, with a mill photo selected by the buyer, to a mill that wants a tailor made card for use by their mill. The selected photo will replace the photo on the generic card. A packet of 500 tailored cards would cost \$330.00.

SPOOM-MA plans to distribute, at a reduced cost, the generic card in packets of 100 to Mid-Atlantic Mills. We will select mills that want to participate in the membership drive experiment and that are open to the public. These cards will be made available at a 50% discount. The mill pays half and SPOOM-MA pays half. The mill and the SPOOM Circulation Manager will track the extent that the card given to a visitor led to new memberships. SPOOM-MA will solicit public mills to participate in the experiment. Public mills outside the Mid-Atlantic region may also participate on request. A participating mill would pay \$35.00 for 100 cards.

The above are three distinct programs with their own individual advertising. Any mill that wants to purchase the generic card or the tailor made card may contact our Treasurer, Jane Sewell, at the Union Mills Homestead, 3311 Littletown Pike, Westminster, MD, 21158. I will be responsible for the printing, storing, and mailing the “rack cards”.



BEDINGER ROLLER MILL IN BERKELEY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

--Marjorie Lundegard, Colvin Run Mill

Ms. Mummert, a member of SPOOM from West Virginia, sent an article announcing the 2010 Fall Tour by the Berkeley County Historical Society. The Tour will feature the home and property of Walter Ailes. The property will be shown on September 10 and 11, 2010.

The plantation, that is now called *Bedington*, was established by Morgan Bryan, in 1730. The plantation land was on both sides of the Opequon Creek near the Potomac River. In 1773 the plantation was sold to John and Peter Light.

Peter Light furnished supplies for the Revolutionary War. In 1778, John Light sold his interest in the land to Peter. In 1791 Peter leased his mills at the plantation to John Maxwell. The mills included a merchant mill, a custom grist mill, a saw mill, and a hemp mill.

In 1807, Peter bequeathed the mills and mill tract to his son, Samuel Light. Peter was to pay his brother David 500 pounds and his sister Polly 500 pounds for their share of the father's estate. In 1816 Samuel sold the Peter Light mill, stone house and barn to Henry Bedinger and Stephen W. Forman. Later, a chancery court established Henry Bedinger as the sole owner.

In 1817 Henry Bedinger built the present stone grist mill. The mill is named after Henry as the Bedinger Mill. The mill is a stone structure with a frame gable roof. The mill has a mansard roof. The mill is a three to four storied structure and was eventually a roller mill.

Bedinger Roller Mill ca. 1940 ►



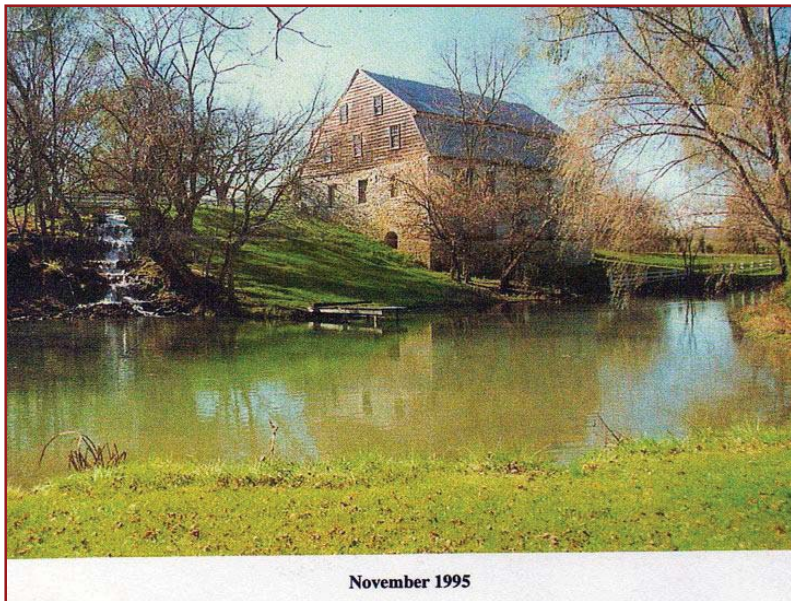
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BEDINGER ROLLER MILL IN BERKELEY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA...cont'd

Elizabeth Bedinger Davenport inherited the Bedinger Lick Mill tract. The land passed through several owners but in 1941 Wendell S. Porterfield and his wife sold the Lick plantation that contained 320 acres of land and the Bedinger Mill to Helen W. and Stephen Ailes. The Bedinger Flour Mill was no longer operating at this time.

In 1982 Stephen Ailes put the property in a deed of trust for the benefit of his children, Stephen C., Walter B., Hester, Nathan, and Richard Ailes. Walter spends some week ends at the property. Stephen C. lives on the property in a new house built on the back portion of the property.

Start planning on a trip to West Virginia in September to tour the Ailes plantation and the Berkeley County Historical Society of Martinsburg, West Virginia.



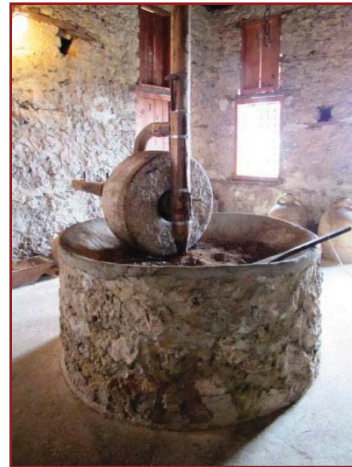
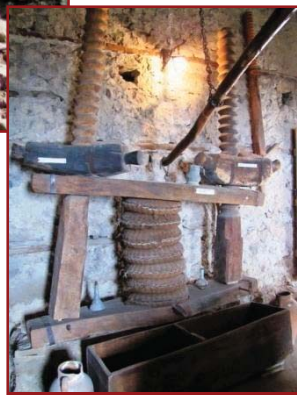
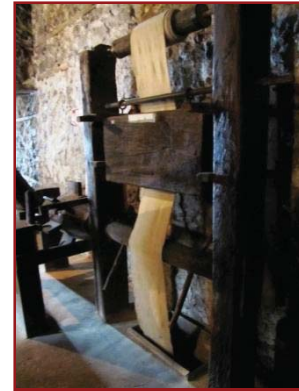
◀ Bedinger Roller Mill ca. 1995



Mills of Albania and Croatia

--Susan Langley

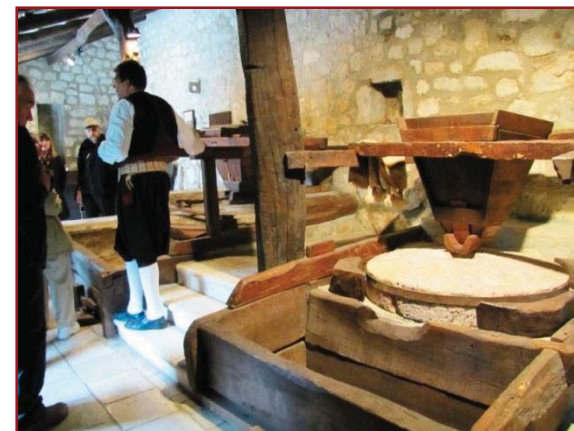
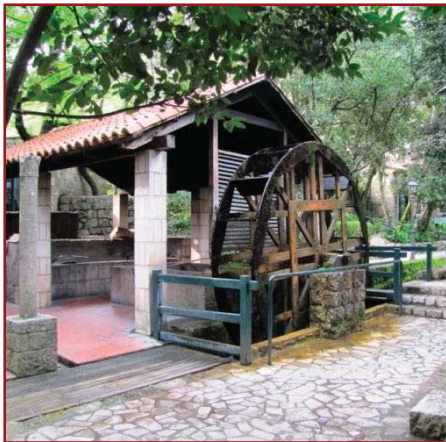
In mid-April I had the opportunity to visit the Dalmatian coast of the Adriatic. Incidental to other work I was able to visit two intact museum mills and see parts of others in museums. Since little if any information was available in English (or any language other than the local one), this is largely a photo collection. In the hills of Albania, about an hour northwest of the capital of Tirana, lies the town of Kruja, which boasts an excellent ethnographic museum as well as a more formal one about the national hero Skanderbeg. In the former, are the business end of a water-powered felting mill (right), used to manufacture garments, slippers and the national hat, the *qeleshe*, which resembles a white fez (lower right). As well, there were man and animal powered olive oil querns (below left), presses (center), and mills (center right), as well as more familiar milling equipment (bottom right).



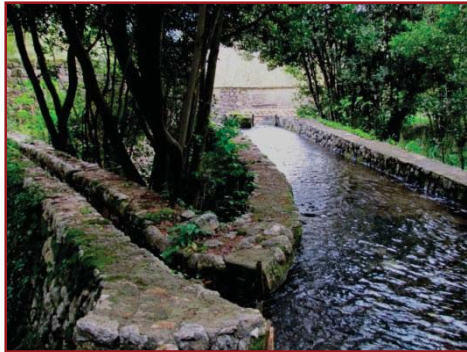
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Mills of Albania and Croatia...cont'd

In Croatia, the Konavle region lies between the tourist mecca of Dubrovnik and the popular seaside village of Cavtat to the south. At one time this valley held 22 water-powered mills; a handful remain. Two are in close proximity and share the same streams and races but have different owners. The larger has two undershot wheels which are now largely decorative (below left), the second is the Đivanović Mlin (the Đivanović family Mill) which operates as an historic mill. Flour is not yet available for sale. I was told that they are presently grinding hybrid corn for demonstrations but hope to have organic next year and so would sell it then. I am unclear if this is a personal preference, or a national regulation. They have a fax number but not yet a web site. The images on this page are of the Đivanović mill unless otherwise noted. This mill has turbine style wheels underneath the structure.

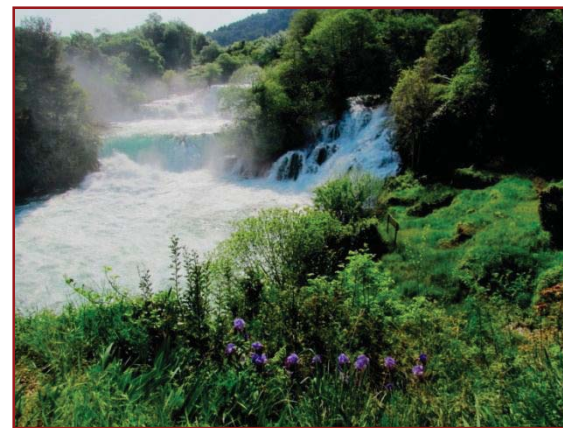
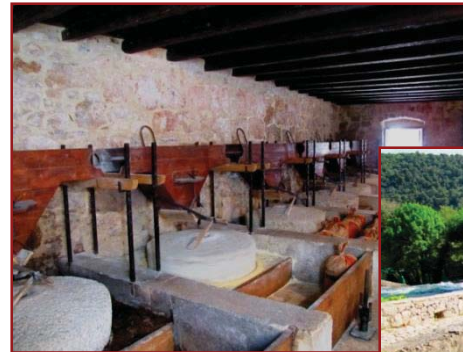


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Mills of Albania and Croatia ...cont'd

To the North, inland from the coastal walled city of Šibenik, is Krka (pronounced "Creek-a") National Park. The Krka River's rich minerals form a travertine base and it is renowned for its many falls. The mill here was used for softening linen as well as for grinding (4 images below



▲ The three images above are of the races at the Đivanović mill

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Save the Date Events

Union Mills, Maryland:

FLOWER AND PLANT MARKET

Saturday May 1, 2010, 9 AM to 4 PM

Sunday May 2, 2010, 10 AM to 4 PM

The first weekend in May will again find the Homestead alive with a beautiful array of quality annuals, perennials, vegetables, and hanging baskets. Weekend gardening demonstrations and short seminars; additional specialty plant growers and garden-related vendors; children's activities; Sunday afternoon historical lecture and dessert coffee.

New for 2010: Open Noon to 4 PM on Friday April 30th for early bird customers.

Also featuring Friday afternoon gardening make-and-take workshops.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL

July 11, 2010 1 PM- 4PM

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

July 17-18, 2010

Watch for updates online at www.unionmills.org



The web site below contains information on Oliver Evans and early Philadelphia industry. It may be of interest or a guide. Click on "Introduction" and the "Oliver Evans Chapter"

http://www.workshopoftheworld.com/tacony/tacony_baptist.html

Notes & News

Tide Mills of Western Europe

The two touring exhibitions “Tide Mills of Western Europe,” supported by the European Commission through its Culture 2000 Program, will visit, Centro de Ciência Viva de Lagos (Algarve, Portugal) from 7 May to 7 June, the Ecomusée des Marais Salant (Île de Ré, France) from May to September, and the Centro de Interpretação Ambiental da Ponta do Sal (Cascais, Portugal) from 5 July to 9 August .

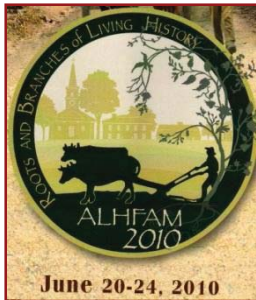
The exhibition is still available for those interested after September 2010. Contact Cláudia Silveira, Ecomuseu Municipal do Seixal, Praça 1º de Maio, 2840-485 Seixal, Portugal Phone: 00 351 210 976 112 or email: claudia.silveira@cm-seixal.pt

More information is available at the website : www.moinhosdemare-europa.org.

If you haven't visited this page, it's worth it for the puzzle, mill game and other information.



Consider Attending the Annual Meeting of ALHFAM



ALHFAM is the *Association of Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums*. ALHFAM will hold its Annual Meeting on June 20-24, 2010 at Worcester Massachusetts and hosted by *Old Sturbridge Village*. Check www.osv.org.

The program includes tours, speakers, and demonstration on a wide range of living history topics from blacksmithing, textiles, hat making, farming, and the administration and marketing of museums.

Check it out!

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